

# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

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The Honorable Daniel Inouye  
Chairman, Committee on Appropriations  
S-131, The Capitol  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Thad Cochran  
Vice Chairman, Committee on Appropriations  
S-131, The Capitol  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Tim Johnson  
Chairman  
Subcommittee on Military Construction  
Veterans' Affairs and Relegated Agencies  
Committee on Appropriations  
United States Senate  
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The Honorable Kay Bailey Hutchison  
Ranking Member  
Subcommittee on Military Construction  
Veterans' Affairs and Relegated Agencies  
Committee on Appropriations  
United States Senate  
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Dear Senators Inouye, Cochran, Johnson, and Hutchison:

As the Committee begins its consideration of the Fiscal Year 2010 Defense Appropriations Bill, we are writing to request support for the military construction projects summarized in the enclosed list. We believe they are important to the needs of our men and women in uniform, our national security, and the Commonwealth of Virginia's significant defense interests.

These requests are submitted for consideration by the committee in accordance with the proper constitutional role that the Congress performs in the authorization of and appropriations for programs providing for the nation's common defense. We examined these projects for the Commonwealth of Virginia based on two principal factors: first, they must represent a wise and prudent investment of tax dollars; second, requests for such projects are considered in an open, transparent manner. Additionally, we express our support for all the Virginia projects included in the President's Budget request.

In formulating this submission, our staffs have gone to extraordinary lengths to screen all requests carefully to validate their merits. This process included face-to-face meetings in nearly all cases to assess current or potential benefits to the warfighter, reviews of any programmatic history, and requests for evaluation by the Office of the Secretary of Defense and the military departments.

Furthermore, we each certify that, to the best of our knowledge, neither of us, nor our respective immediate family members, have a pecuniary interest in any such request consistent with paragraph 9 of Senate Rule XLIV. We further certify that copies of this letter, and enclosure, have been posted to our respective websites.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. We look forward to working with you to ensure these programs are funded in support of our men and women in the military and their families.

Sincerely,



Jim Webb



Mark Warner

Enclosure: List of military construction requests



**Project Name:** Electromagnetic Research and Engineering Facility  
**Request:** \$3,950,000  
**Account:** Military Construction, Navy  
**Project Number:** P-311  
**Service Component:** Navy  
**Project Location:** NSCW Dahlgren, VA  
**Project Description:** Funds would construct a 6500 SF addition to the Electromagnetic Research and Engineering Facility (EMREF) at Dahlgren, VA. When the EMREF was constructed in FY06 (P-295), an unexpected spike in construction bids caused a loss of 25% of the planned space (6500 SF). This lost space needs to be regained to support the rapid growth of Directed Energy programs at Dahlgren. Included in the Directed Energy programs at Dahlgren are high priority CIED systems, pulsed power and high power microwave research, non-lethal systems engineering, and development of Navy high energy laser systems for ship and land warfighter defense. The P-311 space regained for EMREF will house world class laboratories, equipment and analysis instrumentation. This facility support is essential to help maintain the NSWC Dahlgren mission and lead role in Directed Energy research, concept prototyping, and systems development.

**Project Name:** Missile Support Replacement Facility  
**Request:** \$18,560,000  
**Account:** Military Construction, Navy  
**Project Number:** P-287  
**Service Component:** Navy  
**Project Location:** NSCW Dahlgren, VA  
**Project Description:** Funds would construct a replacement Strategic and Weapon Control Systems building. The current facility, building 1200, was built in 1964 with modifications added over the next several years to support the growing mission. Unfortunately, the age of the facility together with the manner in which it was constructed, has started to have a serious negative impact upon the ability of the personnel in the building to support the Submarine Launched Ballistic Missile program at a reasonable cost.

**Project Name:** Upgrade Marshalling Area  
**Request:** \$7,900,000  
**Account:** Military Construction, Army  
**Project Number:** 53663  
**Service Component:** Army  
**Project Location:** Ft. Eustis, VA  
**Project Description:** Funds would upgrade the Deployment Marshalling and Staging Areas. Project will include command and control/security building, rail spur with railcar side loading ramps, truck loading ramp, paved vehicle staging and container storage areas, upgrade of existing rail, security lighting, fencing and gates at deployment marshalling area. Project will also include a dunnage and equipment storage building with a small administration area to be used as a command and control center, conversion of Building 2001 to sentry post, paved vehicle staging (causeway storage area) and building information systems. Supporting facilities include electric service, water and wastewater lines, storm drainage, site improvements and information systems. Heating and air conditioning (2 Tons) will be provided by self-contained units. Demolish 1 Building (2,892 Total SF). Air Conditioning (Estimated 2 Tons).